

## In the World of Society

## Cabinet Notes.

The condition of Secretary Hay, who has been suffering from bronchial trouble for a week past, is but slightly improved. The inclement weather, it is said, has retarded his recovery.

## In Diplomatic Circles.

Major F. A. Edwards, the military attaché of the United States embassy at Rome, has arrived at his post.

Lieutenant Commander Tempin M. Potts, the United States naval attaché, is expected in Rome soon.

Senor del Viso, secretary of the Argentine legation, who has been transferred to Brussels, will start, for his new post on Tuesday.

## Dinners.

The Countess Marguerite Cassini entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the Belgian Minister and the Baroness Moncheur. The other guests included Miss MacVeagh, Miss Josephine Boardman, Miss Isabel May, Miss Morgan-Hill, Viscount de Chambrun, of the French embassy; Mr. Rubido-Zichy, of the Austrian embassy; Mr. Gutowski, of the Russian embassy; Edward Morgan, and Walter Berry.

The Speaker of the House and Miss Cannon entertained at dinner of twenty covers last evening.

Former Secretary of State and Mrs. John W. Foster gave a dinner last night in honor of the Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini.

## Weddings.

Duffield-McKenna. Justice and Mrs. McKenna have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Isabel, to Pitts Duffield, on Wednesday, January 6, at noon, at the McKenna residence, in Rhode Island Avenue.

## Chit-Chat.

Among those who were present and occupied boxes at the Washington Symphony concert, which took place yesterday afternoon at the Lafayette Theater were Senator and Mrs. Newlands, Senator and Mrs. Thomas C. Platt, Senator and Mrs. Eugene Hale, Senator and Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Representative and Mrs. Wadsworth, Representative and Mrs. Porter, General and Mrs. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter, Paymaster General and Mrs.

## YACHT HOHENZOLLERN NOT READY FOR TRIP

Captain Says Vessel Cannot Sail Before January at Earliest on Kaiser's Cruise.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Captain Usedom, of the imperial yacht, has returned to Kiel after an audience with the Kaiser, to whom he reported that the overhauling of the Hohenzollern will take some time, and that he could not go south before January at the earliest. The captain is now superintending the progress of the alterations on the yacht, upon which arduous work is being done. The "Vossische Zeitung" Kiel correspondent gives it as his opinion that the yacht cannot be ready before February, and states that the Hohenzollern will start south on the 6th of that month.

## TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF MAJOR WALTER REED

Major Jefferson R. Keane, of the medical department of the army, delivered an address Thursday at Gloucester Court House, Va., where a tablet was unveiled to the memory of Major Walter Reed, surgeon, U. S. A., who was born there and won fame by his discovery of the means of yellow fever transmission.

REPRESENTS BOARD OF TRADE. John B. Dalish has been appointed commissioner pro tem. of the National Board of Trade. The duties of his office require that Mr. Dalish shall take care of the interests of the national body in Washington in all the subordinate organizations.

## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS TO BUSY HOUSEKEEPERS

## MENUS FOR TOMORROW.

## BREAKFAST.

Stewed Peaches.  
Cereal.  
Buckwheat Cakes.  
Country Sausage.  
Coffee.

## LUNCHEON.

Sturgeon Steak.  
Apple Sauce.  
Mashed Turnips.  
Lima Beans.  
Custard.  
Tea.

## DINNER.

Mock Turtle Soup.  
Braised Beef.  
Roast Sheep.  
Stewed Corn. Cauliflower.  
Plum Pudding. Coffee.

## SEASONABLE FOOD SUPPLIES ON MARKET BENCHES.

The usual Saturday avalanche of marketers and interrogators charged upon the Center Market stands this morning and quickly changed the inviting appearance they presented prior to the onslaught. Meats, fish, vegetables, and fruits were plentiful and prices were consequently moderate. Beef, veal, mutton, and pork could be purchased for 12½, 15, and 18 cents a pound. The choicest cuts of all of the above varieties were sold for 25 cents a pound. Twelve-a-half and 15 cents a pound were the prices quoted on freshly manufactured country sausage. Corn beef was sold for 5, 8, and 10 cents a pound. Brains were for 10 and 15 cents a dish, holding a little more than a pound. Calves' liver was more plentiful today than early in the week, and was sold for 25 and 26 cents a pound. Roast beef was sold for 6 and 8 cents a pound. Ten, 15, and 20 cents was asked for cauliflower. Beets were sold four and five for 10 cents. Celery, 10 and 12 cents per bunch. Turnips, 15 cents per half peck. Parsnips, 12 cents per quarter peck. Cucumbers were sold for the moderate price of 10 cents each. Irish and sweet potatoes went for 13 cents per half peck. Cabbage brought 5 and 8 cents a head, and russel sprouts went for 15 cents a box. Fifteen and 18 cents a pound was the price asked for turkey, while dealers were content to part with their chickens for 12½ and 15 cents a pound. Ducks were purchased for 18 cents a pound and quails were sold for 33 a dozen. There were no squirrels, but rabbits sold for 25 cents apiece. Eggs were sold for 35 cents a dozen, and fresh butter brought 25, 30, and 35 cents a pound.

## FREE-HAND COMMENT ON MEN AND MANNERS

Ye merry, merry Christmas time, it comes but once a year, and all our hearts like bells should chime, because 'tis almost here. Alas, it almost makes us weep, to think the time's so scant, of giving things we'd rather keep, and getting things we do not want!

It is now rumored that Chicago will relinquish all claims to the Olympian games, scheduled to meet next year, in return for which there is to be no opposition on the part of Missouri to Chicago as the place of the Republican convention. Such an exhibition of magnanimity on the part of Rockopolis is incomprehensible. There is plenty of space on which to rig up a Greek stadium out in the neighborhood of the stock yards. Over the heads of the discus throwers and wrestlers, the spectators could take in the killing of pigs by machinery, and the squeals of expiring swine could take the place of flute and lyre.

The Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, of Washington Match Company fame, is in our midst. He is eloquent on the subject of William Randolph Hearst for President. Here is the man, he says, to fill the chair once occupied by Washington, Jefferson, Cleveland, and McKinley. The great heart of the country is yearning for Mr. Hearst. The Hon. James Hamilton Lewis has seen it years ago; how, it is hard to imagine. Perhaps he has discovered this yearning by the same mystical process described by Rossetti in "The Blessed Damsel."

And laid her face between her hands And wept. (I heard her tears.) Is Mr. Lewis of Chicago the Dante Gabriel Rossetti of politics?

By the way, if Mr. Hearst should receive the nomination of his party—whatever that may be—and should be unreservedly supported by William Jennings Bryan, what a campaign of wind and fury we should have, on one side at least!

Senator Stewart's bill for securing power dairy products for the District is certainly a sweeping measure, providing, as it does, for thorough inspection of plants, their isolation from all injurious manufactures, the proper cleansing of cans and other utensils, and the inflicting of fines on those who sell milk or other dairy products containing foreign substances. The Senator would accomplish all this by a new system of officers, headed by a chief inspector of dairies, who shall be an analytical chemist, familiar with the dairy business. This official and his subordinates are to be appointed by the District Committee, by whom they can be removed at discretion. The efficiency of this plan will depend, of course, on the rigidity with which it is carried out, and the capability of the officers appointed. There will be those, possibly, who will say that the Senator is a crank on the dairy business, to which he has devoted much attention. It must be admitted, however, that it is hardly possible to watch the milk supply too carefully, as one diseased cow may be a menace to a whole community, and there is no fluid known that is more friendly to noxious germs than is milk. Impure milk is a prolific cause, too, of infant mortality.

While on the subject of dairy products, and while insisting that they cannot be too closely watched, it is no

more than fair to admit that the milkmen who supply this city are on the whole a pretty decent lot of fellows, with a fair modicum of fear of God and of future punishment in their hearts. The milk supply of this city now averages pretty well when compared with that of other cities. We should not forget that suspicion of the milk man dates back to the time when our ancestors of the Stone Age used the lactical fluid of the dinosaurs. We should discriminate between hereditary suspicion and that which is founded on just cause.

The only way for the Petworth Citizens' Association, and for all those living on the line of the Brightwood cars, to get better street car service is to kick violently, vociferously, and continuously. That line of cars runs through a section of the city which is fast building up, and which, on account of its healthful and pleasant elevation, is destined to become one of the most desirable residence portions of the greater Washington of the near future. All those who own real estate out that way, as well as those who travel over the line, are interested in better service, and it is hard to understand why the citizens of Brightwood, Brightwood Park and Takoma do not join in the agitation for better service. The time is coming, when frequent fast cars, without transfer, will be a necessity. Has not that time arrived, even now? The fact of the matter is that the American citizen, with all his love of liberty, and his boasted enterprise, will stand more and stand it longer than a Russian serf. Good nature is a charming quality, but it is possible to carry even good nature to extremes.

The Hon. Dennis Flynn, from Oklahoma, called on the President yesterday, to engage in a social chat on the subject of the Presidential nomination. Mr. Flynn is reported as replying kindly, but firmly, that he did not care to talk on this subject. He does not need to. His friends are talking for him.

Yesterday the Democrats in the Senate were as active as boys throwing balls for cigars at dummy heads. The Republican party, or the President, was scored for non-enforcement of the trust law, for hasty recognition of the republic of Panama, for the use of Federal troops in Colorado, for the nomination of General Wood. That's the trouble with living in a blamed democracy; the party that is all wrong is always in, and the party that is all right is always out.

There is something positively inspiring in the way the Catholic congregations of America are responding to the Pope's appeal for funds for the Catholic University. One congregation in this city, that of St. Patrick's Church, being asked by the pastor to raise \$1,000, went into its pockets for the handsome sum of \$1,500. The entire amount raised thus far in the United States reaches the handsome total of \$100,000. This excellent institution, by the way, which is one of the chief ornaments of the Capital City, is worthy the hearty support which is receiving in high ideals and excellent results, it has already taken an enviable place among the best universities of the country.

## PORTUGUESE ON THE EVE OF A CABINET CRISIS

King on Return From Villa Expected to Decide on a New Prime Minister.

LISBON, Dec. 12.—The ministerial crisis, which has been latent for some months past, may be expected to manifest itself openly on the King's return from Villa Vicosa, at the end of the month.

It is an open secret that grave dissensions exist in the cabinet, and the prime minister, Senhor Hintze Ribeiro, has had extreme difficulty in keeping the ministry together, notwithstanding the numerous reconstructions which King Carlos, who plays to perfection the part of a constitutional monarch, has freely granted him.

On the other hand, the state of health of Senhor Luis de Castro, chief of the progressists, or liberal party, and his advanced age make it impossible for him to entertain the idea of putting himself again at the head of a ministry, a task which will therefore in all probability fall to Senhor Viegas Beirão or his infinitely more popular, although considerably younger, colleague, Senhor Jose Maria d'Alpoim, a most able statesman.

Reference has also been made to the possibility of a cabinet composed of elements drawn from neither of the two parties, and therefore untrammelled by the party ties which constitute the basis of Portuguese politics.

## APPOINTED TO FORCE.

Thomas S. Hope has been appointed an additional private on the police force, for duty at Kernan's Lyceum Theater.

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## BIBLE AGENTS SUFFER BRUTAL TREATMENT

Men and Women Lashed and Fined by Authorities of Central American Towns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Rev. F. G. Penzotti, the agent in Central America of the American Bible Society, has written to the home office in this city an account of the brutal treatment of the society's workers. The letter, dated at Guatemala City on November 17, says in part:

On the 4th of this month C. J. Buckley (a colporteur) left for Honduras with V. Ceballos, a native from here. After reaching Santa Rosa, Honduras, where they remained a few days, on their way to Puerto Cortez, Mr. Buckley died suddenly on the road. Although I have tried to find out how he died, I have not yet been able to, but the communications are not only slow but difficult. Just as I returned from the east, A. Velasquez was taken to prison in Retalhuleu, Guatemala, because he was holding meetings in a private house. The police took him and five men and women, and after a long and arduous journey of twelve days of imprisonment they were condemned to forty days more, and the women were to be shaved to the skin five days, or to pay \$1 per day as fine. When A. Velasquez was taken to the prison he was made to make fast to the stocks from 8 o'clock in the evening of October 17, to 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th. On the 18th, at 6 o'clock in the morning, they lashed him fifty times. After this the captain and the three soldiers went to the women's apartment and lashed the woman who owned the house fifty times. She is a woman forty-nine years old. They also lashed two other women. Then they made them work, washing clothes for the hospital.

They made A. Velasquez work out in the streets for six days. One by one those that were able paid the fine, so they all went free except one man and five women. By that time I reached the town and went to see the political chief, Salvador Cabrera, who received me with great attention, and I was able to free them all, paying half the fine for them all.

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